

# Statewide Fingerprint Imaging System (SFIS)

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## SFIS Statewide Rollout Begins March 6

Welcome to the SFIS Web Site and our first newsletter. This is the first of monthly newsletters, which are brought to you to inform you as to the progress that is being made on the development and implementation of the Statewide Fingerprint Imaging System.

The State executed the prime vendor contract with EDS on September 8,

amount of progress since then. The SFIS project team is now poised to begin the initial phase of equipment installation and roll out the new Train the Trainer / Coordinator program.

EDS has five full-time trainers and two alternate trainers who will train the entire State. We have a very busy schedule ahead of us that will begin on March 6.

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## New Training Center Ready for Rollout

Within the past two weeks, there has been a mad rush to build a new SFIS Training Center that will house 12 SFIS workstations.

This will enable EDS to train at least 20 users at one time.

The new “train the trainers” concept will be put into action beginning March 6 with the Phase I counties’ coordinators in the new training center.

The center is located at the South Annex of the California Health and Human Services Data Center in Sacramento.

The Phase I counties are Colusa, Merced, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Stanislaus, Solano, and Sutter.

The first County Acceptance Test is slated for March 9, 2000, in Merced County, with the second in Colusa County on March 10.

## Thank you to TRT Members

A big thank you to the members of the SFIS Technical Review Team. We appreciate all of the participants’ input over the last few months. It was a huge success, and it has served its function totally. Therefore, we will no longer be conducting TRT meetings/conference calls. In the near future, we will be creating the SFIS Users Group. We will notify all counties once we are ready to start up the Users Group. It should be sometime after Phase I of the SFIS Implementation.

# SFIS Implementation Status



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During our Change Management/Site Assessment meetings earlier in the process, we discussed the implementation methodology for SFIS. We are well on our way with these activities. Change Management/Site Assessment visits were completed in all counties. These visits enable us to accurately determine each county's needs for SFIS equipment as well as verify site addresses and site characteristics. LAN/WAN designs were also completed for all sites. These designs were submitted to the HHSDC Telecommunications division. Electrical work and data cabling was completed in all counties by the end of November 1999. Mark III Engineering Contractors did a terrific job in completing this SFIS infrastructure. Installation and testing of the SFIS telecommunications network is near completion, and installation of connectivity is also very near to completion.

The next people to arrive in the counties will be the EDS representatives with SFIS Team members to install the hardware and provide system training. Installation will begin in Phase I Counties on March 6. The Phase I Coordinator/Trainers training will also be underway beginning March 6 in Sacramento.

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## Q and A

### What is SFIS?

This section will be reserved for any questions you may have about the system, schedules, fiscal, training, implementation, etc. Some of the more frequently asked questions are listed and answered below:

**Q.** What is SFIS?

**A.** SFIS is another name for the Statewide Fingerprint Imaging System designed for use statewide in the CalWORKs and Food Stamp Programs, and, at the county's option, in county General Assistance/General Relief Programs.

**Q.** Is fingerprint imaging required?

**A.** Yes.

**Q.** Why are applicants and recipients being fingerprint-imaged?

**A.** To make sure only eligible recipients receive benefits and to prevent duplicate aid.

**Q.** Who will the fingerprint images on SFIS be matched with?

**A.** The fingerprint images will only be matched against the fingerprint images of other welfare recipients.

**Q.** What happens when fingerprint images match another person's fingerprint images in the SFIS database?

**A.** If a fingerprint image match is found on SFIS, benefits may be denied or discontinued.

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